

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend Claim 17 so as to read as follows:

17. (Twice Amended) ✓ The image processing device as set forth in claim 1,
further comprising:

second image data storage means for storing each processed input image data
processed by said image processing means; and

DI image output means for outputting each processed input image data from the
second image data storage means,

wherein:

said management table means manages output request information indicative
of a request for outputting each processed input image data from the image output
means, and output completion information indicative of the completion of an output of
each processed input image data in connection with the corresponding each processed
input image data stored in said second image data storing means.

REMARKS

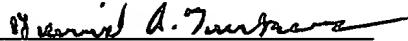
This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct the inadvertent failure of the Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.116 filed in the parent of this continued prosecution application on 23 October 2001 to include the deletion of the word "the" from line 8 of Claim 17 as discussed in the Remarks accompanying that Amendment. The purpose of this alteration of Claim 17 was, and is, to correct the deficiency under 35 USC 112 raised by the Examiner that was intended to be corrected in the last submission in the parent application.

No new matter or other inappropriate change to this application is made by the amendment proposed herein. Accordingly, entry of this Preliminary Amendment to correct the inadvertent error noticed in the last submission in the parent of this continued prosecution application is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required in connection with the consideration of this response to the currently outstanding Official Action. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE TO AMENDED CLAIMS

Additions shown underlined; Deletions shown in brackets.

Please amend Claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) The image processing device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

second image data storage means for storing each processed input image data processed by said image processing means; and

image output means for outputting each processed input image data from the second image data storage means,

wherein:

said management table means manages [the] output request information indicative of a request for outputting each processed input image data from the image output means, and output completion information indicative of the completion of an output of each processed input image data in connection with the corresponding each processed input image data stored in said second image data storing means.